

Remarks/Arguments:

Claims 1-16 were pending in the application at the time of the office action. Claim 1 is canceled herewith. The Applicants thank the Examiner for the opportunity afforded their representative, Frank Tise, to discuss the application by telephone on June 30, 2006. In that interview, the Examiner indicated that claims 4-7 and 12-15 would be allowable if the provisional obviousness-type double patenting rejections noted in the office action of June 8, 2006 were properly resolved.

Provisional Obviousness-Type Double Patenting Rejections

Claims 1-16 are provisionally rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as unpatentable over claims 1-16 of copending Application No. 10/714,144 (now issued as U.S. Pat. No. 7,012,032), over claims 1-19 of copending Application No. 10/718,334, and over claims 1-28 of copending Application No. 10/300,352.

Should suitable claims be allowed in the present application, the Applicants will submit a terminal disclaimer in compliance with 37 CFR § 1.130(b) over U.S. Pat. No. 7,012,032. Should the recited claims in either of the two copending applications be issued in a patent prior to allowance of the pending claims in the present application, the Applicants will submit an additional corresponding terminal disclaimer.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claims 1-3, 8-11, and 16 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as unpatentable over US 20030003249 A1 to Benim et al. in view of U.S. Pat. No. 5,494,745 to Vander Velden. Claim 1 is canceled herewith, and claims 4-6, 12 and 14 (which the Examiner has indicated are allowable) have been rewritten in independent form to incorporate the limitations of all of the claims from which they depend. Claim 2 has been amended to depend from claim 12. All of the rest of the claims now therefore depend directly or indirectly from claims that the Examiner has indicated to be allowable. Accordingly, the Applicants submit that all of claims 2-16 are now in condition for allowance.

Other Amendments

Several of the claims are amended herewith for clarity and consistency of language, and to provide proper antecedent basis. No new matter has been added.

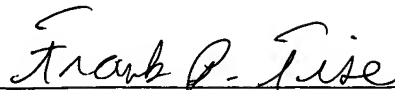
Conclusion

For the reasons recited above, the Applicants submit that claims 2-16 are in condition for allowance, and request reconsideration and early notification of the same. The Applicants invite the Examiner to contact their undersigned representative, Frank Tise, if it is believed that such contact may expedite examination of the application.

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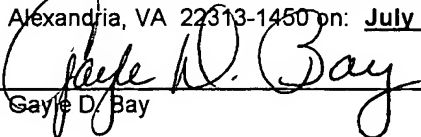
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